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Report of Synod And Church News

The one hundred and thirty-third meeting of the Synod of North Carolina was held at Queens College in Charlotte September 2-5, 1946. The enrollment showed that there were in attendance 380 representatives of Churches. This is the largest attendance on record.

The Retiring Moderator, Dr. J. A. Redhead, preached the opening sermon on the subject, "The Kingdom of God is at Hand." Dr. O. C. Williamson, Pastor of Cooks Memorial Presbyterian Church was elected Moderator of this meeting and served most efficiently and acceptably.

Rev. C. M. Gibbs was re-elected Stated Clerk of the Synod for a term of three years. Dr. J. O. Mann and Rev. R. K. Davenport were re-elected to the positions of Director of Religious Education and Synod's Evangelist, respectively.

Among important matters that were approved by the Synod was the authorizing of the rebuilding of the William Black Home at Montreat. This structure was burned during the past summer and was a total loss. The estimated cost of replacing it with an additional building is \$50,000. The Synod approved that amount for the Home. The Synod also reapproved the campaign for \$100,000 for Presbyterian Junior College at Maxton.

The Synod voted to establish a home for the aged in Greensboro and authorized a campaign for \$300,000 to be used in building and in endowing this home - the campaign to begin October 1st. Applicants of this home must have been Presbyterians for five years and must pay \$500 on entrance plus \$150.00 for burial fee.

A benevolent budget for the year 1947-48 in amount of \$880,000.00 was adopted. Benevolent gifts last year amounted to \$982,055. Total gifts to Synod to current expenses and benevolences amounted to \$2,571,068.00.

Among the fine addresses that were heard by the Synod might (Continued On Page Two)

Pastor's Paragraph By Rev. F. B. Benton

WAITING ON THE LORD

In the fortieth chapter of Isaiah we find the prophet writing to a people who have difficult times ahead of them. He is imparting to them the secret of strength that he has found for his own life. As a climax at the end of the chapter come the words of promise: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

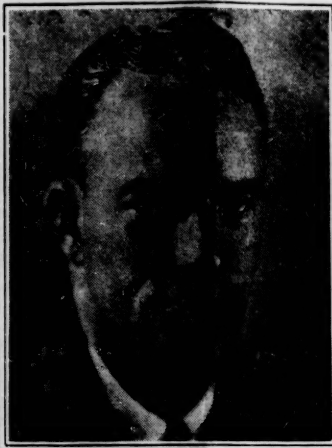
I used to have the idea that he meant by "waiting upon the Lord" a pious folding of the hands and sitting back in serenity amidst the constant turmoil of life. Such may be possible for some people, but most of us are not constituted for serene inactivity.

The method of "waiting upon the Lord" which it seems to me that Isaiah meant as a renewer of strength can be illustrated from an experience of my own college days. For three years it was my job to wait upon the faculty table in the college dining hall. There I was in constant touch, three times a day, with a number of my professors. Each of them had definite likes and dislikes about his food, and I learned what they were. In time I came to take pride in serving each one in just the way that would be pleasing to him. There was nothing degrading about such service; rather it won for me the most valuable friends that I made during my college years. The association with those worthwhile men in the intimacy of mealtime, hearing their conversation and learning to know them better than was possible in the class room alone, proved a real source of strength to me.

In the same way those who "wait upon the Lord" by serving Him find added strength coming to them from their service. His servants will certainly seek to learn His likes and dislikes and to satisfy these in all their actions. They will study His words as they are given to us in the Scriptures for this purpose. (Continued On Page Two)

The Return of A Valuable Servant

In the Fall of 1929 there came to Barium straight from Davidson College a young man, Robert Glenn Calhoun. He came as a teacher in our High School and as a coach in basketball, track and



MR. R. G. CALHOUN

football. A few years later he was promoted to principal of the school and continued to give great assistance to the athletic teams. He continued in this work until the summer of '42 when Uncle Sam tapped (Continued On Page Two)

WHAT A MONTH!

September is just about the busiest month of the year. It starts out with school just commencing, with football practice starting, with many new teachers and new workers to get used to things, and here right at the first of the month a flock of new children to learn their place in the scheme of things. Then there is the meeting of Synod that causes a wave of excitement - we still remember the delightful times when we entertained Synod. This year Synod met at Queens College in Charlotte. Then there is the beginning of the football season - two games to be played during the month and preparations for Home-coming Day for the first week in October. Then there is the Regents' meeting on September 24th and that is always a big day. Apples are getting ripe and our trees are loaded to the ground and it is a problem to get those apples gathered. Sweet potatoes are building up for a big let-down. Hay-making and filling those big silos with corn. And then there is the dentist who has to look at every tooth on the place and sometimes yank a few out. On the 25th of the month there is to be a big gathering here of women from over the Presbytery - every mail seems to bring in requests for information or material for a program or something about the orphanage. All of which would indicate that Barium is a live place. It is in the minds and hearts of many people and September is just the month when the symptoms appear most evident. It is a big month of preparation and the air is all a-quiver with anticipation of big things to come.

Alumni News

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jordon (Lucille Beck) of Rockwell, Md., on August 14, a son, Robert Lawrence. He weighed seven pounds.

A number of our boys and girls have entered college this fall. David Burney, George Lewis, Ray Lewis, and Charles Starling are at the University of North Carolina.

Nina Berryhill and Dewie Belle Buie are at Flora Macdonald.

Billy McCall, Mott Price, Ernest and Hervey Stricklin, Pleas Norman, Paul Horne, Rufus Long, Amos Hardy, are at Davidson.

Jack Caldwell is a student at Darlington, Rome Ga. Jack came to see us frequently this summer.

After working at Barium this summer Pleas Norman went to Washington, D. C. for a short visit.

Roscoe Smith who graduated this past spring and was at his home in Pink Hill this summer came to Barium to work with Mr. Lowrance this winter.

Ruth Weddington was married August 31, in Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, Concord, to Richard Havens Carr.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes (Kathryn Norman) of Washington, D. C. July 31, a son, Robert, Jr. weighing seven pounds.

John Hawley and Bill Scott visited Barium. John was discharged from the Army recently and Bill Scott is still in the Navy.

We have heard of the marriage of Elizabeth Langley of Wilson and Mary Parks Allen of Charlotte but no particulars about either.

It is with deep regret that we make the announcement of the passing of Ruth Cole Fletcher.

Winners Announced in Mule Naming Contest

The Society for the Nomenclature of Quadrupeds takes great pleasure in announcing the winners in their "Mule Naming Contest" which closed last night, August 21, 1946. This contest was sponsored for the purpose of securing a fitting name for our faithful old dairy mule. First prize of \$3.00 goes to Miss Vivian Jacumin for the name "Matilda" and for her original twenty-five word explanation as to why the mule should be given that name. Second prize of \$1.50 goes to Miss Kathleen Ellis for her entry, "Caledonia;" while the third prize of two free show tickets goes to Mr. Edward Walker for his suggestion of "Boss." The mule has been properly christened at the Christening Ceremony held in front of Rumble Hall in the presence of the entire Home and henceforth she shall be known and loved as "Matilda."

She had been very ill at Davis Hospital for the past five weeks. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family and friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Morrow (Edith Powell) of Mooresville, on August 24, a daughter, Vicki Euleen.

Gwynn Fletcher is a student at State College, Raleigh.

Robert and Walter Beattie spent the day at Barium recently. Robert had not been here for thirteen years and we were delighted to see him. He lives in Shreveport, La. and Walter is with the Post Office in Charlotte.

Sarah Parcell who graduated at Womans College this spring is teaching third grade in Kannapolis.

Mary Adams who graduated this spring at Flora Macdonald College is working in the Bank at Lancaster, S. C.

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A Letter From the Vice-President of the Barium Alumni Association

To The Alumni,
Barium Springs Orphanage,
Barium Springs, N. C.

It is my information that three hundred letters have been sent out to members of the Alumni, offering to each of them the privilege of contributing ten dollars to the Memorial Fund, and that only thirteen have responded.

I am of the opinion that this is the result of carelessness on the part of the members, and does not represent any spirit of indifference, or ingratitude for the wonderful benefits each of us has received by the generosity of others in the past.

Surely we cannot expect others actively to participate in this grand work if we fail, who so well know the wonderful work the Orphanage has, and still is doing for those children who otherwise would not receive the educational advantages and Christian training so necessary to fit them for their proper place in our social and domestic world. Appreciating what we have, ourselves, received, and desiring to further the activities of the Orphanage in the upbuilding of character and fitness for citizenship, it is more of a privilege than a duty that the response to the request sent out be one hundred percent. Let's all give to this effort our whole-hearted support, not only with our substance, but with all the moral support of which we are capable.

What is really more important than the money itself, is the attendance of each member at Home-coming Day. This year let's break all previous records for attendance and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

MAUDE INMAN

Vice-Pres. Alumni Association
Class of '35.

Barium Springs Eleven Defeated Mooresville 7 to 6 In Season's Opener

The whistle has blown, the kick-off has happened, and the first game is under our belt, and what a game it was!

Barium Springs journeyed down to Mooresville for their opener. The game was played on the baseball field and more than half of it is clay - naturally everybody is more or less nervous over the opening game and to make them more nervous it rained pretty hard during the hour before the game, and that baseball field became a rather slippery proposition.

The field slopes toward the south and the team going down hill naturally has the advantage. Well, on the toss Barium elected to receive and had the downhill pull. The game started out with a fair return of the kick-off, but Barium unable to gain and make a first down kicked; the ball was fumbled by the Mooresville safety man and Barium recovered deep in Mooresville's territory. It looked like things were going Barium's way, but Barium was stopped just short of a first down within the ten-yard line. The ball went over and Mooresville kicked out and on this drive Barium scored.

Here are the particulars of the score: it was third down and quite some distance to go - a forward pass was incomplete and then everybody seemed to take a good grip on their chewing gum and started another play. This was one of those long passes - Clark to Young - which Young took on the ten-yard line and on over to score. The extra point which turned out to be the deciding point of the game was made by Dwight Spencer on a quarterback sneak.

Shortly after this score the quarter ended and Mooresville had the downhill pull and it looked bad for Barium. Mooresville got to the six-yard line, first and goal to go but gave up the ball on downs.

The defensive play of the Barium team was plenty good. The half ended with Mooresville still threatening.

In the third quarter Barium had downhill but was unable to capitalize on it and did not seriously threaten. Mooresville took the ball once (Continued on Page Three)

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News From Some of the Cottages

WOMEN'S BUILDING

News time once more and time to let all of our good friends in on our fun.

We have started to school since you last had word from us. We are doing very nicely in our studies, thanks to the hour and a half which we now have set aside for studying each night.

Our senior girls under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Bryant, the girls' head matron, gave a tea in the honor of the teachers who had just returned. The affair was wonderful and we enjoyed it as much as the guests seemed to. Of course they will have to tell you if they enjoyed it themselves. We were glad to welcome to our staff two new teachers: Miss Hickman, our musical director and Miss Westbrook, who teaches the fourth grade. We also had the joy of welcoming back Miss Straughn, who lives in our cottage with us and once more has taken the little tots in the first grade.

Some of our numbers have had some very nice letters from our summer recreational leader, Mr. Jerry Newbold, now at the Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Virginia. We are very pleased to find that the "missing" goes both ways.

Football season has really gotten a good start and we're backing our boys for a fine season. Our voices are fine and our lungs hold out in rain or cold so when our boys decorate the ball park in their new uniforms we'll be right there with our good spirits to push the game ahead.

Our senior class has just chosen its class ring and invitations and that's about all you hear from them. The juniors have an extra member in their class now and we hear that Kenneth Baker is really a ladies' man. Of course our Sophomores are so interested in their bugs and worms in biology that they can't send a message. The freshman class keep reminding us that "they're big girls now."

Well, folks, what do you say we sign off for now and hear from another cottage?

— News Nose

BABY COTTAGE

Well, here we are again. It has been some time since you heard from us but we are still here and happy and having the most fun for Daddy Johnston is just too good to us. First he had us a nice play yard fence put up then four swings and a slide board and put us a small merry-go-round so we can get on and we have lots of fun.

We have had a big time all summer and now we have school every day from 9 to 11:30 in our play room and we are learning to do lots of nice work. Miss Moles is our teacher.

Five of our Big Brothers have moved up to go to school and we miss them so much. They are Charles, Ralph, David, Melvin and George. We miss Miss Berryhill for she kept us all laughing so

much for she was tops in telling jokes.

Well it will soon be winter and we will have to play in the house and we don't like that so well.

We will have to stop now, love to everybody.

— The Baby Cottage

SYNOD'S COTTAGE

We are glad school has started and football season is here again. Although, we can't play football, yet, it is fun to see the games. It won't be many years before most of us will be out on the football field playing.

George Truelove, David Reid, Ralph Huddleston, Melvin Cannon, and Charles Shepherd moved from the Baby Cottage to Synods. We have 26 boys in our cottage.

Miss Kate Taylor, our regular matron, hasn't returned from Scotland yet, but we are all anxiously waiting for her return. We know she will have lots of interesting things to tell us.

So long till next month.

— "The Wiggles"

LEES' COTTAGE

Vacations are over and we are back in school again.

Six boys from Synods' have moved down to live with us and we are glad to have them.

Mr. Thomas and "Pete" Clendenin needed some help on the truck farm so we have been helping them pick beans, tomatoes and apples. We have plenty of apples and we are putting some up for the winter.

Football season is here and we are all glad. All the Lees' boys are going out for football. We will have a good time practicing if we don't get to play in any games.

We went to the show Saturday to see "My Pal Trigger."

We are glad to have Mr. Calhoun with us again.

We are all looking forward to our first football game here.

Miss Carpenter's nephew, William Carpenter, spent a week with her this summer and we enjoyed playing with him.

Some of our friends from Morganton sent us some books and we want to thank them.

— Lees Boys

SEWING ROOM

We now pause, cut off our motors, and put our brains on the table to see which one has any news for you folks.

No doubt you folks have read of the "open house" that we girls, under the leadership of Mrs. Hudson, gave. We want to express our deepest appreciation for the splendid write-up which Mrs. Long gave us in the Statesville Daily. We're sorry we can't help out in the teacher shortage, but let's hope we can find our place and help this old world out in some way. It certainly does need some helping.

Say, let's see how our members are feeling on the subject of news. "Red" Price and Toni DeLancey have even more interest in our

football squad than we do because they are members of our set of four cheer-leaders. Is that why you girls head for football practice every day after work? Or is it that hero, Charles Barrett, Toni?

Mary Frances and Mary Ann Ryder have more to discuss now than school. They're room-mates, and Esau Davis and Roscoe Smith are best friends.

Helen Hawley and Myrtle Rushing along with Margaret Katen and Miriam Huddleston to say nothing of Lee Vinson are all stuck on books - no not ys but books. Or are they? Helen and Margaret do a lot of letter writing and Miriam and Myrtle a lot of dating. Lee seems to like shows. Who else does, Lee?

Jean McDonald, the humorist of our bunch, has been sick with ear trouble lately and you can bet we are glad to have her back. So long.

— Snooper Drooper

Pastor's Paragraph

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pose. They will spend frequent periods in the intimate conversation of prayer. Their Lord's wisdom will flow into their own lives, and they will naturally grow to be like Him as they learn what He is like. God's waiters become His friends, and in His friendship there is strength for every need.

The good waiter's likes and desires are unimportant to his job. His one purpose is to please those whom he serves. He learns to say in all sincerity, "Thy will be done - - - by me." The Christian who learns this attitude toward his Lord can cheerfully "deny himself and take up his cross" of service daily. Because he becomes but the expression of God's will, he is strong to meet every situation of life.

God's waiters, even in our twentieth century, can "mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint."

Report of Synod And

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be mentioned the sermon of the retiring Moderator, Dr. J. A. Redhead; and address by Rev. A. W. Hewitt of Riverton, Vermont, on "Expository Preaching"; the devotional messages of Dr. Wade H. Boggs on the book of Hosea were of high order. Chaplain E. L. Daniel, who was a prisoner of war in a German prison camp during the war, and who did a wonderful service in ministering need to allied soldiers, made a stirring address, describing conditions in Europe.

Dr. L. H. Patterson, Director of the Home Mission Emergency Fund made a very interesting address on the development of our Home Missions. He said that in four years the Fund had raised \$375,000 and built 350 Churches, and that the goal for this year is for \$600,000.

Dr. George Mauze presented the report on Presbyterian Orphans' Home and made a most impressive talk on his observation of the work of the Orphanage.

The Synod changed the term of office of the Committee on Orphans' Home so that those who are elected at the meeting of Synod in 1947 and subsequent Synods will take office at the end of that Church Year, and the ones whose terms expire will continue in office until the end of the Church Year. This was reported in the public press as applying to the Regents, but that was an error as it only applies to the members of the Committee on Orphans' Home.

The Presbyterian Orphans' Home was well represented at the meeting of Synod. Little Joe's Church had as its representative, Elder H. L. Thomas, who is in charge of the truck farm, orchards and canning. Present from the Board

of Regents were Mr. J. A. Cannon, president; Mrs. Coit Robinson, Mrs. George Patterson, Dr. George Mauze, and Dr. S. H. Fulton. From Synod's Committee on Orphans' Home was Mr. C. S. Hicks, chairman; Mr. R. E. Lackey of Concord Presbytery, and Mr. T. N. James of Kings Mountain Presbytery. From the administration of the Home, Mr. Joseph B. Johnston, Superintendent, and Rev. R. S. Arrowood, Treasurer.

The following are some items of general religious news: Dr. John H. Marion has resigned the pastorate of the Grace Covenant Church of Richmond to accept the work as Director of the newly formed Committee on Christian Relations. Dr. Marion is a nephew of Mrs. Joseph B. Johnston. His headquarters will continue to be in Richmond.

The Ashlin-White Bible Lectures founded by the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Mooresville in memory of their beloved Pastor, Dr. Ashlin White, will be delivered by Dr. Roy L. Smith, October 6-11. Dr. Smith is a very prominent Methodist Minister and is Editor of the Christian Advocate.

Two very useful ministers have died during the month of August. Rev. H. N. McDiarmid of Greenville died at his home on August 16th. Mr. McDiarmid was a graduate of Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary. His pastorates included the First Church of Kinston and Shelby. At his death he was Executive Secretary of Albemarle Presbytery and Chairman of the Trustees of the William Black Home.

Rev. George W. Hanna died August 26th in a hospital in Statesville. Mr. Hanna was a graduate of Erskine College and Erskine Seminary. He entered the ministry of the Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church and served for nineteen years in that Church. After that he joined the Presbyterian Church U. S. and held pastorates at Pinehurst, Antioch, and Harrisburg.

Chaplains who have returned and accepted work include Rev. Eugene Alexander, who goes to Victoria, Virginia; Rev. C. L. Brown goes to White Memorial at Raleigh and Rev. Carl H. Storke, Jr., goes to Pilot Mountain. Rev. R. Murphy Williams, Jr., will be Student Pastor at Davidson College.

The Presbyterian Hour Broadcast will resume October 6th and will continue each Sunday morning at 8:30 E. S. T. through December 29th. Dr. John M. Alexander, former Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, is director of these programs. The following speakers will be heard: Rev. David L. Stitt, Ben R. Lacy, Jr., William Crowe, Jr., Ansley C. Moore, Walter B. Healy, J. M. Walker, Frank L. McClure, Ben L. Rose, James Sprunt, John S. Land, E. B. McGuken, J. McDowell Richards, C. Darby Fulton. In this state the following stations will carry the broadcast: Asheville, WUNC; Charlotte, WSOC; Raleigh, WPTF; Winston-Salem, WSJS.

Synod will meet next year at Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs, on September 9th.

Alumni News

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Hospital in Statesville to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Freeman, a son, William Morris Freeman, Jr.

Joe White completed his Course in Recreation at Columbia University, New York City, in September. For the present he is in Raleigh.

Roy Wilson is at Boone taking a special course at Appalachian State Teachers' College preparatory to studying denistry.

Born September 18, at Long's

Hospital in Statesville, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Summers, a son, Joseph Devon, Jr. This young fellow weighs 6 pounds and 2 ounces.

Leona Hall of Roxboro was a visitor at Barium.

To you who knew and loved Miss Celeste Boyd - she is living nearby and hopes to be here on Homecoming Day.

The Return of A

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him on the shoulder. In spite of the fact that his work would have exempted him from service, he felt that as a single man he should leave the teaching profession to married men. It was not until the time approached for his leaving that we fully realized the value of this man to the life of Barium Springs. The students themselves waked up to this fact as well as the grown ups. At the final Basketball banquet the players presented him with a trophy.

It happened that he had lead this group of boys to three successive championships in the South Piedmont Conference. It is tough to win that championship one time; it is almost unheard of to win it three times in a row.

Barium's opponents in the South Piedmont attempted to explain the success of this team on material - that Barium just happened to have a bunch of good athletes all at one time, but when it was shown in their third championship year there were none of the players who participated in the first championship year it knocked this argument rather high, so then a good many people said that Barium was just lucky - they had a rabbit's foot. The players heard this so much that they decided to hunt for the rabbit's foot and they finally decided that Mr. Calhoun was it, so they presented the trophy to the rabbit's foot that had been giving them such good luck in their basketball careers.

By the way, it was at this presentation which was a complete surprise to Mr. Calhoun that we saw him speechless for the first time.

Then the war years - Mr. Calhoun entered the service as a private. His good qualities were quickly recognized and he was made an officer, and all during the war he had one of those hard jobs that the public very seldom hears about at Camp Shanks, N. Y., routing soldiers overseas and checking their returning.

He now returns to Barium as Assistant Superintendent. He will not have as much time to give to athletics as he did in former years, but his presence here will help. He has already taken hold of a few of the many duties which he will fall heir to and Barium Springs is already a better place for his being here. Everyone welcomes Mr. Calhoun back and we hope that nothing will ever take him away from us again.

Johnny: "Mom, why were vitamins put in cod liver oil and spinach and not in cake and candy?"

In an essay on "Parents," a little school girl wrote:

"We get our parents when they are so old that it is impossible to change their habits."

"What is your idea of a clever woman, one who can see the point of a joke?"

"No, a woman who can laugh at a joke without seeing the point."

Gladys: "It is dangerous to drive with one hand?"

Roy: "You bet; more than one man has run into a church doing it."

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on their own thirty and in two plays had a touchdown. One by a thirty-five yard run and again by a sweeping end run which brought the score. They failed to kick goal, and the score stood 7-6 until the end of the game.

This was the first game for both Barium and Mooresville. Barium's squad is so small this year that they had not had a serious scrimmage - that made the coaches and everybody else rather nervous - not knowing just how the boys would stand up under fire. They all feel better now. Watch for Barium's doings in the athletic line - we think it will make pleasant reading.

The lineup of the Barium team is as follows: Ends, Young and Barrett; Tackles, Lippard and Good; Guards, Baker and Allen; Center, Everett; Backfield, Whitey Clark, Mangum, Gregory and Spencer.

W. A. Johnson got into the game for a very brief stay while Baker was given a rest.

Barium cheer leaders in their new clothes did a grand job and were worth a lot in keeping alive that old Barium spirit that wins games.

THE BIBLE IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Historians seeking to discover the major influences which have molded the course of American history find that the Bible has played a significant role. Within the pages of this greatest of all documents lies the inspiration for the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Four Freedoms.

The Bible was the first textbook of the American colonies. It was the most important factor in the educational system of those years, for, both in private and public schools, the Bible was the chief text. In the New England primer, used extensively in the elementary schools for more than a century before the Revolutionary War, characters from the Bible were used in teaching the three R's.

Making the Bible better known appeared to be the whole purpose of early American education. Of the 10 colleges founded before the Revolution and still in existence, 9 were begun to give adequate training to ministers of the gospel. There were Harvard, William and Mary, Yale, Princeton, Washington and Lee, Columbia, Brown, Rutgers, and Dartmouth. The 10th, the University of Pennsylvania, developed from a charity school founded by George Whitefield, the great Bible evangelist.

Thomas Jefferson, who was asked to frame the Declaration of Independence, was steeped in the Bible. Much of the beauty and clarity of his prose were acquired through years of reading the New Testament, which he mastered in Greek, Latin, French, and English in order to compile a collection of excerpts covering the life and teachings of Jesus.

Where but in the Bible had he learned that men are equal under God and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights? Jefferson was expressing in immortal phrases the conviction which had led to the Revolution and which men had first gleaned from the Word of God.

One of the very earliest acts of Congress was to approve the printing of a large edition of the Bible and officially recommend it to the people of the land. The desire to maintain the Bible's influence in American life led to the formation of the Bible Society movement, whose purpose was to make the Bible available to every household in the rapidly expanding country. Nowadays, this function is carried out on an infinitely broader scale

by the American Bible Society founded in 1816, which prints millions of Bibles, Testaments, and Scripture portions in many languages and dialects, and distributes them to the populations of teeming cities and to obscure people living in the remotest corners of the earth.

The influence of the Bible on American life has never waned, for each year since 1800 it has been a national best seller. In times of war, it is in greater demand than ever, among the men on the fighting fronts, prisoners of war, and families praying for their loved ones to come home.

As the Bible guided the men who founded our Republic, so today it guides the statesmen who are leading civilized nations out of the jungle of war, greed, and prejudice. At the dramatic meeting of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill when the Atlantic charter was given to the world, the Bible was read in a service of public worship. This was a symbolic incident, for the truths of God given in the Bible chart the road to permanent peace and human brotherhood. — Bible Society

HOW DO WE HEAR?

The hearing of a sermon may bring us a great blessing, or it may be a weariness of the spirit. The difference is not necessarily in the sermon; indeed, it is much more likely to be in ourselves. If we are looking merely for entertainment, the sermon—perhaps the majority of sermons—may prove a bore to us. But if we have come as humble seekers, knowing "our need of finding the Bread of Heaven," and "set to receive some truth about God, about man, about life," that will help us to live in a more Christ-like way, the sermon will have to be poor indeed if we fail to find a blessing in it.

Even the best sermon, as Hugh Stevenson Tigner in his excellent little book, "The Christian Pattern," points out, cannot meet the need of everybody at the same time. Nevertheless, there will be some help for the seeking soul in every thoughtful and prayerfully prepared sermon. One may find in it, Mr. Tigner continues, "some sentence of Scripture, something that will be to his benefit, something that will open a new truth or open an old truth in a new manner; something that will stimulate, kindle, refresh, or command him in a moral-spiritual way; something that will help raise up a fallen spirit, a tottering faith, a crumbled courage; something that will sweeten a bitterness or console a grief; or something that will mark off the true from the false; something that will admonish; or something that will indict that which should be put aside and swept away."

If it should happen, as it may happen once in a great while, that a sermon should miss all of these human needs, even then the earnest hearer may find the task of listening a good discipline for his soul.

Because the hearer has a measure of responsibility, let no preacher dare neglect his preparation for that momentous hour when he stands in the pulpit to give a message from the Word of God. On the other hand, let not the hearer try to lay all the responsibility upon the preacher. We believe men are called of God to preach the Gospel. No less truly do we believe He calls us to be hearers of the Word. Was it not the greatest of all preachers who admonished, "Take heed how ye hear?" — Christian Observer

THE PRAYER ON SIGNAL HILL

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, as a young missionary, went to work among the Moros, a tribe of people living on the island of Mindanao, Philip-

pinas. These people were Mohammedans. He planned to start a normal school. But there were not enough Moros who could read and write to make teachers of them. So he had to begin by teaching them their A B C's. It seemed a waste of time, that he, a scholar with a Ph. D. degree should thus waste his time. He felt it was beneath his dignity as a learned man.

He says that one night he was praying on Signal Hill, telling God how discouraged he was and how the Moros hated every Christian. Then his own lips seemed to be saying to him: Frank, you have failed because you don't really love those Moros. You look down on them with your white superiority; you think because you are educated and they are ignorant you are better than they are. If you can forget yourself and remember how I love them, they would love you back.

This was the turning point in his life. He changed his whole attitude. He asked to study their Koran with them. He gained their confidence. They in turn asked him to teach them his Bible. But they had no language. Dr. Laubach discovered they had twenty-two sounds. He picked out twenty-two letters from the English alphabet and put with these twenty-two sounds and soon developed a basis for a language. In a short time he had taught the Moros to read. He became highly honored.

Because of his great success with the Moros his system of language was used in many other countries. He was called to many places in Asia, Africa, South America, and the islands of the Pacific to introduce his simple phonetic method of language teaching. It was my privilege to have a short visit with him and his wife two summers ago. My sister-in-law worked under him in Mindanao for sometime before the last war.

The seed which this great man sowed in Mindanao has grown into much fruit. It fell on good ground. At first he failed. The seed took no root. He was not a good sower then. But after the experience at Signal Hill he became the true friend of the Moros and they received his teachings, just as the good soil receives the good seed. — The Reformatory Herald

FOR AN AGGRESSIVE CHURCH

Christianity is natively aggressive. Its Founder was not a zealot, like Mohammed. He did not arouse His followers to a frenzy of passion. But He was aggressive, calmly and sanely so. He did not speak as a world statesman, but He was imperial in His outlook and program. He set the faces of His followers toward the nations and left a program of orderly expansion that looked from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth, and from the hour of the commission to the end of the age.

As we read the volumes of matter that come from the religious press setting forth the urgent need for aggressive Christian action, we cannot say that the leaders of the Church are not alert to the situation or unaware of the passivity of the Church. And judging from the multiplication of organizations and programs, we cannot change that there is not a willingness to meet the need. The church is progressive; it is enamored of progress. To be unprogressive would be the sin of sins. But it is not evangelically aggressive. It is not fired with a passion to propagate the Gospel.

As one reads the story of the first generation of Christians as found in the Acts and the Pauline epistles, he is impressed with the deep conviction of the early Christians that, apart from Christ, man is utterly undone, that the situation of the unbeliever is desperate.

What was needed was not just a change of environment, or even of life habits. There must be a complete break with the old ways of sin. The old man must be made new. There must be a re-birth. To this end, there must be repentance and faith toward Christ, leading to newness of life. Nothing short of that would meet the need.

And there is a companion conviction that must always go with this; namely, that the provisions of the Gospel are adequate to the need. The success of the Gospel program hinges just here. The need is great. Sin is deeply entrenched in the human heart. Its power over the life is strong. The whole nature is corrupt. The case is beyond human resources. If there is no adequate provision for the need, how shall we have the courage to try to meet it? But the Gospel is adequate for the need of the sinner, and the Christ of "all authority" is adequate for the effectual support of those who proclaim it. In this faith, the Church must become aggressively active, if the deep spiritual need of our generation is to be met. — Associate Reformed Presbyterian.

HOW TO LISTEN TO A PRAYER

By Roy L. Smith

The prayer period in any service of worship should be one of the most enriching experiences through which any person ever passes, yet it is probably true that many people sit through it without realizing any direct benefit whatever. This is because of the fact that they have never learned how to listen to a prayer. For increasing the spiritual value of the public prayer we offer a series of simple suggestions.

1. Assume a reverent attitude of the body. Few people ever benefit from the prayer through which they sit bolt upright with eyes open, roving over the building. 2. Enter the prayer period with an open mind. A mind that is cluttered up with a variety of concerns is in no condition to appreciate the suggestions that the Spirit may be seeking to offer. 3. Listen sympathetically. The person who listens for the faults in the prayer is almost certain to miss God's answer. 4. Make the prayer your own. Pay strict attention to the prayer that is being offered, and make expressions of need your own. 5. Add your own special petition when necessary. The prayer which starts us praying is worth as much to us as the prayer that is offered for us. 6. Accept each holy suggestion as though it were from God. The holy joy, or sense of reassurance, that comes with such an experience can have had but one source—God. 7. Assure yourself that God is very near while the prayer is being offered. We have been promised that he will be in the midst of any company of two or three who are mak-

ing an honest effort to make themselves heard in heaven. Then believe the promise. 8. Say "yes" to any promoting of conscience that may occur. To fail to act, or to decide to act, is to refuse to accept God's guidance, and nothing is more certainly fatal to spiritual growth. — Christian Advocate.

WHAT I OWE MY PASTOR

I owe him respect as the ambassador of God, sent to teach me a better way of living than the selfish, sordid existence of which I might be guilty but for his guidance.

I owe him trust, that he may be free to serve the church unhampered by criticism and faultfinding.

I owe my pastor the protection of kindly silence by refraining from repeating, in his presence, the slander of gossip that would worry him and prevent him from doing his best.

I owe him prayer, that God may make his service a blessing to everyone with whom he comes in contact.

I owe him enough of my time to help him in his work, wherever he may need me.

I owe him encouragement, when vexations and annoyances make his work difficult.

I owe my pastor consideration, not to interrupt and hinder his work by financial worry.

I owe my pastor attention when I go to church, that he may not be annoyed by seeing my careless inattentive actions indicating that I am not interested in what he is saying. — Baptists and Reflectors.

THE SERMON THAT YOU SEE

Yes, it is possible to see a sermon as well as hear one. The sermon that you see is likely to make a deeper impression than even the best one that you hear. It is a "vitalized" sermon—made alive in the face and in the behavior of the one who preaches it. That sermon is expressed in the joy that shines through the countenance, the sense of repose and comfort and joy that is pictured in glowing colors on the face, whether that face be wrinkled with the years or yet buoyant in the springtime of life. The sermon that you see is preached by faithfulness in service, loyalty to God and His cause, in devotion to the church in all its interests, but more especially in the unwavering devotion to Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Someone has well said that as the pastor looks into the faces of his congregation, the faces of godly men and women, on Sunday morning, he sees sermons that are more powerful than any he will ever be able to preach. And you can preach such a sermon. — Religious Telescope

Rev. R. S. Arrowood, Treas.
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A DAY

What does it take to make a day?
A lot of love along the way:
It takes a morning and a noon,
A father's voice, a mother's croon;
It takes some task to challenge all
The powers that a man may call
His own: the powers of mind and
limb;
A whispered word of love; a hymn
Of hope—a comrade's cheer—
A baby's laughter and a tear;
It takes a dream, a hope, a cry
Of need from some soul passing by;
A sense of brotherhood and love;
A purpose sent from God above;
It takes a sunset in the sky,
The stars of night, the winds that
sigh;
It takes a breath of scented air,
A mother's kiss, a baby's prayer.
That is what it takes to make a day:
A lot of loving along the way.
— William L. Stidger.

KILLING THE PREACHER

A church known to me once
buried its pastor, and on the fol-
lowing Sabbath held a memorial
service in his honor. A large con-
gregation overflowed the house.
One speaker told of his worth as a
preacher, another of his tender
administrations as a pastor, others
spoke of him as a citizen. Finally
they called on me to speak. I said,
"All you have said of my brother
is true. He was a man out of the
ordinary and gave his remarkable
powers without stint or reserve to
your service. But if you had while
he was yet alive—filled these pews
as you have today, and had said of
him and to him what you have just
said, he would not now be dead.
Empty pews broke his heart, and
he did not know of the love of
which you have just been speaking.
He died for the lack of the things
you have today so beautifully said
and done." —L. O. Dawson, in
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